

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/628,704

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/1/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-8 and 10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 June 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/18/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Theobald Dengler on August 18, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the title:

deleted "AND SIMILAR"

In the claims:

claim 1,

line 5, changed "cylinder or" to --cylindrical shaped member--

line 6, deleted "rod"

line 7, changed "cylinder or rod" to --cylindrical shaped member-- and inserted --adapted to be-- following the last occurrence of "is"

line 9, inserted --and-- following "teeth", inserted --the worm screw and-- following "between" and deleted "and the"

line 10, deleted "worm screw" and changed "associated in a radial manner" to --radially disposed with respect--

line 12, changed "transmission joint including" to --coupling comprising--

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line 13, changed "drive" to --driven--

line 14, deleted "reciprocal"

line 15, inserted --in an engaged condition-- following "together"

line 20, deleted "and"

line 24, changed "of the coupling through the" to --through--

claim 5,

line 5, changed "cylinder or rod" to --cylindrical element--

line 6, changed "rod" to --cylindrical element--

line 7, inserted --adapted to be-- following "is"

line 8, inserted --the worm screw and-- following "between" and deleted "and"

line 9, deleted "the worm screw" and changed "associated in a radial manner" to

--radially disposed with respect--

line 10, deleted the last occurrence of "the"

line 14, deleted "reciprocal"

line 15, deleted "under"

line 16, deleted "action of a spring"

line 17, changed "the release element" to --each other, said drive element and
said driven element being biased toward each other by a spring--

line 18, deleted "radially"

line 20, deleted "of the"

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line 21, changed "coupling through the" to --through-- and inserted --to engage and disengage said drive and driven elements, respectively-- following "key"

claim 6,

line 2, changed "housing" to --element-- and inserted --extending-- following "guides"

changed line 4 to --said cylindrical element slides in a stationary--

line 5, deleted "in another part"

line 6, deleted "inside the . . . housing"

changed line 7 to --cylindrical element through an entire translation stroke of the cylindrical element--

claim 7,

line 1, deleted "electrical"

changed line 2 to --horizontal guides are comprised of ribs integral to one of--

changed line 3 to --said casing or protection element, said ribs extending generally parallel with--

changed line 4 to --said cylindrical element.--

claim 8,

line 1, deleted "electrical"

line 2, changed "withheld" to --held-- and changed "protective housing" to

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--protection element--

line 3, deleted "of the rod or cylinder" and deleted "to a"

changed line 4 to --of the cylindrical element.--

claim 10,

line 1, deleted "electrical"

line 2, changed "withheld" to --held-- and changed "casing or protective housing"

to --of the casing or protection element--

changed line 3 to --said lateral guides are on opposite sides--

changed line 4 to --of the cylindrical element.--

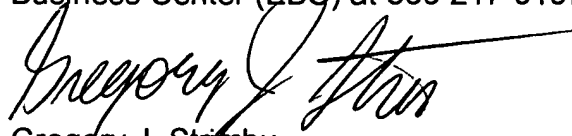
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 571-272-6836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Strimbu", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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August 18, 2005